IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A garment processing apparatus, comprising:

a manifold having a plurality of arms, each of the arms being configured to discharge air;

a cabinet configured to ~~support a plurality of garments with each of the garments positioned between a different pair of adjacent arms~~ enclose the plurality of arms, the cabinet capable of supporting one or more garments suspended therein; and

a condenser configured to remove water from the air discharged from the manifold,

wherein at least some of the plurality of arms form at least one pair of adjacent arms, the at least one pair of adjacent arms being configured to receive a garment suspended vertically therebetween, the one or more pairs of adjacent arms being configured to extend horizontally across the garment suspended therebetween to allow the air to be simultaneously discharged toward both sides of the garment disposed proximate thereto.

2. (currently amended) The garment processing apparatus of claim 1 wherein the manifold is further configured to traverse the length of the one or more garments at least one time while discharging the air.

3. (currently amended) The garment processing apparatus of claim 2 wherein each of the different pairs of adjacent arms are configured to discharge the air in a downward direction toward the garment suspended therebetween.

4. (original) The garment processing apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a blower configured to draw the air discharged from the manifold into the condenser, and provide the air with the water removed from the condenser to the manifold.

5. (original) The garment processing apparatus of claim 4 further comprising a reservoir configured to hold a chemical agent, and a pump configured to inject the chemical agent from the reservoir into the air provided by the blower to the manifold.

6. (currently amended) The garment processing apparatus of claim 5 wherein the manifold is further configured to traverse the length of the one or more garments at least one time while discharging the air with the chemical agent.

7. (original) The garment processing apparatus of claim 4 further comprising a steam generator configured to inject steam into the air provided by the blower to the manifold.

8. (currently amended) The garment processing apparatus of claim 7 wherein the manifold is further configured to traverse the length of the one or more garments at least one time while discharging the air with the steam.

9. (currently amended) The garment processing apparatus of claim 7 wherein the steam generator is further configured to inject steam into the air provided by the blower to the manifold a portion of the time, and wherein the manifold is further configured to traverse the length of the one or more garments at least one time while discharging the air without the steam, and traverse the length of the one or more garments at least one more time while discharging the air with the steam.

10. (original) The garment processing apparatus of claim 4 further comprising a heater configured to heat the air provided by the blower to the manifold.

11. (currently amended) A garment processing apparatus, comprising:

an air pump;

~~a manifold having a plurality of horizontal arms, each of the arms having a plurality of exits;~~

a cabinet having a hanging bar from which one or more ~~a plurality of~~ garments may be vertically supported, ~~with each of the garments positioned between a different pair of adjacent arms,~~ the cabinet further having an air outlet ~~exhaust port~~;

~~a blower disposed between the exhaust port of the cabinet and the manifold; and~~

a condenser disposed between the ~~exhaust port~~ air outlet of the cabinet and the air pump; and ~~manifold, the condenser being coupled to the blower~~

a manifold coupled to the air pump, the manifold having a plurality of horizontal arms, each of the arms having a plurality of exits, wherein at least two adjacent arms of the plurality of horizontal arms form a pair of arms, the pair of arms being configured to receive one of the garments vertically disposed therebetween, the pair of arms being configured to discharge air through one or more of the exits disposed adjacent the one garment, the air being discharged simultaneously toward both sides of the one garment.

12. (original) The garment processing apparatus of claim 11 wherein the manifold is moveable in the vertical direction.

13. (original) The garment processing apparatus of claim 12 further comprising a steam generator configured to inject steam into the manifold.

14. (original) The garment processing apparatus of claim 13 wherein the manifold is moveable in the vertical direction.

15. (original) The garment processing apparatus of claim 12 further comprising a reservoir and a pump configured to draw a chemical agent from the reservoir and inject the chemical agent into the manifold.

16. (original) The garment processing apparatus of claim 15 wherein the manifold is moveable in the vertical direction.

17. (original) The garment processing apparatus of claim 11 further comprising a heater disposed between the exhaust port of the cabinet and the manifold, the heater being coupled to the blower.

18. (currently amended) A garment processing apparatus, comprising:

means for supporting one or more ~~a plurality of~~ garments;

means for blowing air onto both sides of each of the garments from a manifold that traverses the length of the garments at least one time;

means for recirculating the air blown onto each of the garments back to the manifold; and

means for removing water from the recirculated air.

19. (currently amended) A garment processing apparatus, comprising:

means for supporting one or more ~~a plurality of~~ garments;

means for blowing air onto both sides of each of the garments ~~from a manifold~~;

means for recirculating the air blown onto each of the garments back to the manifold; and

means for removing water from the recirculated air.

20. (currently amended) A garment processing apparatus, comprising:

a manifold having a plurality of arms, each of the arms being configured to discharge air;

a cabinet configured to support one or more ~~a plurality of~~ garments with each of the garments positioned between a different pair of adjacent arms; and

a steam generator configured to inject steam ~~stream~~ into the air discharged by the manifold wherein the manifold is further configured to traverse the length of the one or more garments at least one time while discharging the air.

21. (currently amended) A garment processing apparatus, comprising:

a manifold having a plurality of arms, each of the arms being configured to discharge air;

a cabinet configured to support one or more ~~a plurality of~~ garments with each of the garments positioned between a different pair of adjacent arms;

a reservoir configured to hold a chemical agent; and

a pump configured to inject the chemical agent from the reservoir into the air discharged from the manifold wherein the manifold is further configured to traverse the length of the one or more garments at least one time while discharging the air.

22. (currently amended) A garment processing apparatus, comprising:

a manifold having a plurality of arms, each of the arms being configured to discharge water;

a cabinet configured to support one or more ~~a plurality of~~ garments with each of the garments positioned between a different pair of adjacent arms;

a reservoir configured to hold a chemical agent; and

a pump configured to inject the chemical agent from the reservoir into the water discharged from the manifold wherein the manifold is further configured to traverse the length of the one or more garments at least one time while discharging the water.

23. (currently amended) A method of processing garments, comprising:

supporting one or more ~~a plurality of~~ garments in a cabinet;

blowing air simultaneously onto both sides of the garments in the cabinet from a manifold configured to traverse the length of the garments at least one time while blowing the air onto the garments;

recirculating the air blown onto each of the garments back to the mainifold; and

removing water from the recirculated air.

24. (original) The method of claim 23 further comprising traversing the length of the garments at least one time while blowing the air onto the garments.

25. (original) The method of claim 23 further comprising injecting steam into the air blown onto the garments.

26. (original) The method of claim 23 further comprising injecting a chemical agent into the air blown onto the garments.